

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 410

Introduced by Assembly Member Haynes

February 14, 2003

An act to add Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 15388) to Part 6.7 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to economic development.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 410, as introduced, Haynes. California Neighborhood Initiative.

Existing law sets forth the duties of the Technology, Trade, and Commerce Agency in overseeing various economic development efforts in the state.

This bill would enact the California Neighborhood Initiative to require the Technology, Trade, and Commerce Agency to designate, and annually recertify, 25 California Renewal Communities within the state, subject to specified criteria, to be linked with available federal funding, public or private resources, and specified state resources.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 15388)
- 2 is added to Part 6.7 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government
- 3 Code, to read:
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CHAPTER 4.5. CALIFORNIA NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE

15388. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the California Neighborhood Initiative.

15388.5. (a) The Technology, Trade, and Commerce Agency shall designate, and annually recertify, 25 California Renewal Communities within the state, from nominations submitted by nonprofit community-based organizations or coalitions of nonprofit organizations.

(b) (1) An applicant for designation as a renewal community shall describe the status of its neighborhood, including all of the following information:

(A) Population size.

(B) Geographic size.

(C) Per capita income.

(D) Average unemployment rate.

(E) Average poverty rate.

(F) Housing stock conditions.

(G) Academic levels of population.

(H) Any additional information unique to the neighborhood.

(2) The agency shall give preference to communities with a demonstrated need for revitalization, and grass root, resident-driven efforts. A successful applicant shall have a demonstrated ability to build inclusive and responsive coalitions to enhance its neighborhoods.

(c) (1) A renewal community designated pursuant to this section shall establish a California Renewal Community Committee, consisting of local community leaders, local business leaders, and citizens residing within the geographic area of the community.

(2) A designated renewal community shall develop an action plan to define specific problems and solutions and the means of implementing those solutions.

(d) The agency shall link a designated renewal community with available federal funding, public or private resources, and state resources, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

(1) State tax benefits, including, but not limited to, zero capital gains rate for renewal community businesses or business assets, employment wage credits, homeownership tax credits, and tax credits under the California New Markets Venture Capital

1 Program established by Chapter 12.9 (commencing with Section
2 7090) of Division 7 of Title 1.

3 (2) Statewide building standards for rehabilitation based on
4 type of renovation, that include, but are not limited to, creation of
5 the commercial revitalization tax credit.

6 (3) Brownfield reclamation benefits.

7 (4) Risk-based hazardous substance cleanup authority under
8 limited circumstances.

9 (5) Housing program outreach to eligible individuals, which
10 includes a statewide information campaign.

11 (e) The agency shall create an expeditious process pursuant to
12 which each designated renewal community shall submit the
13 following reports to the agency:

14 (1) A quarterly progress report, to include events and activities
15 that occurred during the preceding quarter, and an assessment of
16 whether the goals of the neighborhood action plan are being met
17 and whether the plan is having the desired effect on the
18 neighborhood.

19 (2) An annual report as part of the agency recertification
20 needed to maintain its designation as a renewal community.

21 (3) A biennial report card on the progress in implementing the
22 neighborhood action plan.

